

PREPARING  
FOR ADVANCEMartial Law Proclaimed in  
Island of Formosa.

## WATERS ARE BEING MINED

Proclamation Says That a State of Siege  
Exists Throughout the Island—Fleet  
of 17 War Vessels Has  
Been Sighted.

Tokio, May 13.—A proclamation declaring martial law in the island of Formosa and announcing that a state of siege exists throughout the island goes into effect today. It is understood that the waters about Formosa will be mined.

## STRUCK A MINE.

British Steamer Went Down Off Port  
Arthur Yesterday—Inside Prohibited  
Zone.

Tokio, May 13.—The British steamer Sobralense, bound from Newchwang to Kobe, struck a mine off Port Arthur yesterday and sank immediately. All the Europeans on board were rescued in boats from Port Arthur. It is believed that several of the crew and several negro passengers were drowned. It is alleged that the Sobralense was inside the zone which ships had been warned to avoid.

## A FLEET SIGHTED.

Seventeen War Vessels Off Three Kings,  
Near Hankah Bay, Cochin-China.

Hong Kong, May 13.—Seventeen warships were sighted Wednesday evening, twelve miles off Three Kings, the larger of the entrances to Hankah Bay, Cochin-China. A number of transports were also seen at Knahe Pass, seventy miles north of Kamranh Bay.

## DEAD ON TRAIN.

Son of "Dick" Croker Died After a  
Spree.

Kansas City, May 13.—Herbert V. Croker, a son of Richard Croker, was found dead on a south bound Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway train between Kansas City and Newton, Kan., yesterday. He had died during the night, evidently from the effects of some drug administered at Kansas City, where he boarded the train last night for Bliss, Okla.

The negro who put Croker on the train Thursday night was Charles Woodson, a porter at the Coates hotel. Woodson says that Croker had been drinking when he arrived at the hotel about eight o'clock that night. After checking a small valise at the hotel, Croker, the negro says, asked where there was a "hop joint." After repeated requests, Woodson says he agreed to accompany Croker to such a resort. They then went together to a Chinese resort in Sixth street between Wyandotte and Delaware streets, where they remained an hour. Woodson says that he then took Croker directly to the train at the Union station. Croker's valise is still at the check stand at the hotel.

## FLOODS IN WEST VIRGINIA.

Great Damage Has Been Done to Growing  
Crops.

Huntington, West Virginia, May 13.—Not in the history of the state have rains in so short a time caused so much damage. Traffic on half a dozen railroads is either suspended or badly hampered, owing to washouts or landslides. All the roads in the state have suffered severely. On the Upper Sandy river great loss is reported today from floods. Practically all growing crops in the lowlands along the Sandy, the Twelve Pole, the Great Kanawha and the Little Kanawha have been washed out, and it will be impossible to cultivate these lands again this year.

## Want Alexander's Scalp.

New York, May 13.—James W. Alexander, president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, was served yesterday with the summons and complaint in the suit brought against him by James H. Hyde, Wm. H. McIntyre, Annie F. Hyde, and Mary B. Ripley, in which the plaintiffs desire the removal of Mr. Alexander from his position as trustee of the Hyde stock and demand an accounting.

## Duties Fell Off.

The duties collected through the port of Burlington for the month of April shows a remarkable falling off when compared with the corresponding month in previous years. The amount collected was \$35,590.27 while the amount collected a year ago was \$90,319.39. No reason can be given for this decrease but it is not this port alone that suffers in this respect.

The amount of duties is already increasing and the present month bids fair to be as customary, the amount collected during the first week being about half as large as the amount collected during the entire month of April. The amount of exports last month was \$1,244,710.

HEAVY FIRE LOSS  
IN LYNDONVILLE

Small Fire Developed Into Big Proportions and Important Industries  
Were Wiped Out Yesterday  
Afternoon.

Lyndonville, May 13.—Shortly after noon fire was discovered on the roof of a vacant blacksmith shop at Hall's Mills near Lyndon. The origin is unknown unless it was sparks from a locomotive. The shop was worthless and no damage to other property was at first expected so part of the small local force of fire fighters was withdrawn. When the roof fell in the wind carried the sparks across the railroad, setting fire to the leather board mill of Cushman & Rankin and the grist mill of E. T. & H. K. Ide. An increased force of men was sent from the Lyndonville railroad shops at this time but it was too late to save anything except dwellings nearby.

A fire engine started from St. Johnsbury but had only reached St. Johnsbury Center when the fire was under control. The intense heat prevented the Boston express south from passing for one hour and 45 minutes.

George F. Cushman was slightly burned and Scott Burnum imprisoned in Ide's mill by a spring lock, escaped to the river by breaking a window.

A curious coincidence is that both parties burned out were also burned out at Passumpsic December 19 last, where they were also located in adjacent plants. Cushman & Rankin's loss is not less than \$35,000 and the insurance is \$13,000. The Ide's loss is about \$12,000 with \$9,000 insurance. The Boston & Maine lost three freight cars.

## Fire at Lanesboro, in Marshfield.

Marshfield, May 13.—Sparks from the 2 o'clock express started a fire on the roof of the Lanesboro station Thursday afternoon, a few minutes after the train went through. The fire had burned a hole in the roof about as large as a dinner plate, when discovered, George Goslant blew the fire alarm. In about three minutes a stream of water was thrown upon the fire, which had burned the roof through, so that it had fallen in and the upper story was a mass of flames. Inside of 30 minutes from the time the fire alarm was given about 100 men were at work on the fire.

The Wells River depot and all its contents was totally destroyed. The tenement and upper story were occupied by the family of George Goslant, who, with the exception of a few articles thrown out in haste, rendering them worthless, lost all he had. A barn standing near the station containing seven tons of baled hay and a woodshed with a quantity of dry wood, were also totally destroyed. These two were the property of George Goslant. Mr. Goslant estimates his loss at \$700, partially covered by insurance of \$500 in the Union Mutual of Montpelier. Moses Goslant also had a barn containing a small quantity of hay destroyed. Loss estimated at about \$150. No insurance.

The large pile of sawdust is across the road from the station, and the mill only a few feet away, from which were thousands of feet of lumber extended along the track, and it was only by the most diligent labor that the entire plant was not wiped out by fire. A stiff wind blowing the fire away from the mill, together with the efforts of the bucket brigade and steam pump, saved Mr. Goslant a serious loss.

## NEGRO WAS LYNCHED.

Was Charged With Forcing Money from  
Assemblyman.

Cairo, Ill., May 13.—Tom Witherspoon, a negro charged with robbing Assemblyman Fred Hess by duress, last night was taken from the officers at Belmont, Mo., and lynched by a mob of several hundred persons who hanged the negro in the public square.

A negro yesterday went to the home of Hess near Belmont and at the point of a rifle demanded \$600. Hess told the negro that he did not have that much money in the house. The negro ordered him to go to Belmont and get the money. He compelled Hess to hitch up a horse to a buggy and ordered him to get in the rig with his wife and child.

The negro then saddled another horse and mounting it told Hess to drive toward Belmont. When near Belmont the negro forced Mrs. Hess and her child to get out of the buggy and enter a deserted shanty. The negro then told Hess to drive to Belmont and send the money back by a negro preacher inside of an hour or his wife and child would be killed. Hess hurried to Belmont and sent the money back by the negro preacher.

The desperado immediately mounted the horse and rode up the Iron Mountain railroad tracks. A posse was organized at once by Belmont and Columbus citizens and a small party followed the negro on a switch engine. The searchers discovered that he took refuge in a swamp.

Bloodhounds were secured and Witherspoon was found in a deserted shanty. He was arrested on a charge of robbing Hess and taken to Belmont by officers. A mob of several hundred persons in Belmont took the negro and despite his begging and protestations rushed him into the public square, secured a rope and strung the negro up as the guilty man.

## Two "Hides" in Montpelier Hotel.

In tearing out the partitions in the old bar room of the Exchange hotel, a temperance house run under the old prohibitory law, two "hides" were found, says the Montpelier Argus. They were bricked so that by tapping the wall no hollow sound would disclose any open space. One was reached by the cellar and the other by raising a cleverly constructed panel. They were big enough to store a pile of goods. On the bar was written "\$21,000 worth of rum sold this year." No date was given. The hotel has been closed several years.

SHOT DOWN  
BY ORDERLY

## Admiral Wazimoff of the Russian Navy.

## ASSASSINATED TODAY

His Assailant Was a Former Orderly  
of His, A Revolver Being the  
Weapon Used for the  
Murder.

St. Petersburg, May 13.—Admiral Nazimoff of the Russian navy was assassinated today by a former orderly who shot him with a revolver.

## MEET TODAY.

Teamsters Council to Decide on Continuance of Strike.

Chicago, May 13.—The teamsters' joint council meets today to decide whether to continue the strike.

A two-hours' session between officials of the teamsters' union and of the team owners' association was held yesterday, the latter body throughout have been favorable to the teamsters but last night they informed the teamsters that the strike was lost and that the best thing they could do was to call it off at once.

The second blow also came from the Team Owners' Association when the resignation of John C. Driscoll, its secretary, was tendered and accepted. Secretary Driscoll has been a potent factor on the side of the teamsters.

At a secret meeting of the Illinois Manufacturers' association last night the association unanimously decided to uphold the cause of the Employers' association which has been conducting the fight against striking teamsters.

Employers yesterday began the execution of a new policy in the teamsters' strike. Men in the various manufacturing industries are being laid off because of a lack of business, brought about by the strike. At the employees association office it was said the number laid off would run into the thousands and would continue unless normal business conditions returned soon.

## GLAD TO GET HOME.

Nan Patterson Arrived in Washington  
Today, Big Crowd Gaped.

Washington, May 13.—Nan Patterson came here this morning. A crowd of 250 men, women and children thronged the space about the Pennsylvania railroad station, when the woman, her father, her sister and her brother-in-law, J. Morgan Smith emerged from the New York sleeper and walked to the street.

Nan took her father's arm, bowed and smiled cheerfully upon the crowd, individually and collectively. To the newspaper men she said:

"Boys, I'm awfully glad to get home. That's about all."

The crowd cheered and the party took carriages to their Howard Avenue home, where the sorrowing mother was waiting for the erring daughter.

## SEVEN MEN KILLED.

Mine Explosion at Butte, Montana,  
Yesterday.

Butte, Mont., May 13.—Seven men were killed and one was probably fatally injured in an explosion in the Cora mine, one of the Heinze properties, yesterday.

The cause of the explosion is not known. Nels Wampa was carrying forty sticks of dynamite up a ladder to join companions on the fourteen hundred foot level when the dynamite exploded. It is believed that Wampa accidentally touched his candle to the explosive. Wampa was blown to bits, fragments of his body being found several hundred feet away.

Two men working near by were blown to pieces, the remains when picked up filling seven sacks. Four others 100 feet distant were instantly killed though their bodies were not mutilated.

## NO TRACE DISCOVERED.

Mystery About Disappearance of Braley  
Child Deepens.

Grafton, N. H., May 13.—After three days' search and inquiry Detective Clifford B. Hildreth left for his home in Manchester yesterday afternoon, having been unable to obtain the slightest thread which would be of assistance in untwining the mystery that surrounds the disappearance of 2-year-old Elwyn Braley.

For nearly two weeks the case has baffled the county authorities and selectmen of Grafton. So eager were the authorities to unravel the mystery that Detective Hildreth was called, but his labors thus far have proved futile. Not a new trace has been brought to light though the Manchester detective worked early and late on the case.

## FATHER OF 27 CHILDREN DIES.

Joseph Lewis Reaches a Remarkable  
Age of 104.

New York, May 13.—Joseph Lewis, 104 years of age, is dead at his home here. He served with two sons throughout the civil war. He was the father of 27 children.

"BIG FELLOW"  
TO CHICAGOIntercity's Star Pitcher Enters  
Professional Base Ball.

## GOT A VERY LARGE OFFER

"Sheldon" Reulbach, Who Has Been  
Pitching for University of Vermont,  
Has Been Signed With  
Chicago Nationals.

The Intercity ball team will not have the services of Edward Reulbach, better known as "Sheldon, the boy wonder," in the pitcher's box this year for yesterday Reulbach accepted the urgent offer of the Chicago National league team and left Burlington last night for New York to join the team. Base ball enthusiasts here and in Montpelier had been hoping that the "big fellow" would again pitch the Intercity team to victory, but the inducement held out by Manager Frank Selee of the Chicago Nationals was enough to "take the breath away," according to report, and Reulbach did not feel justified in turning it down. It has been known for some time that Chicago was after him.

After completing the ball season last year, Reulbach entered the medical department of the University of Vermont, and this spring has been pitching some fine games. He wound up his career with the University team yesterday by shutting out the strong Syracuse University nine with only two hits, one of which was a scratch. With the exception of the Harvard game early in the season he has won every game in which he pitched, and that defeat was due to no fault of his own. Yesterday Reulbach got a telephone message from Manager Selee, and the offer was made with the proviso that he must accept at once. The students of the University of Vermont gave him a fine send-off last evening.

Sheldon's friends here predict that he will do well with the big league, and his professional career will be watched with much interest. His home is in St. Louis, and he began his career as a twirler with the Notre Dame University of South Bend, Ind. From there he came to the Intercity, where he was the most popular member of the team with the players and spectators as well. Sheldon earned quite a sum of money in the short season here, getting \$955.66, his salary being rated probably higher than any other man in the Northern league. And he was without doubt the best pitcher in the league, Minnehan of Rutland being the nearest to him. Minnehan is pitching professional ball this summer. When the Northern league season closed Sheldon went to Hinsdale, N. H., where the base ball enthusiast, Alexander, opened a "bar of money" for him. On that team Sheldon had remarkable success, being practically invincible.

## MORE CHEERFUL AT HARDWICK.

Securing of \$300,000 Contract Causes  
Great Rejoicing.

Hardwick, May 13.—The Woodbury Granite Co. has taken a sub-contract from the Horton-Hemenway Construction Co. of Providence, R. I., for the granite work on the Providence post-office. The building will be constructed of Woodbury granite and its estimated cost is \$300,000. John D. Sargent, manager of the Woodbury Granite Co., says work will be begun at once on the contract.

Since last November work has been practically at a standstill. Formerly from 350 to 400 men have been employed but of late only a handful of men have been at work.

There is great rejoicing here over the encouraging outlook.

## GRANITE WORK SPOILED.

Piece of Vandalism at Ellis' Shed in  
Northfield.

On Thursday night No. 3 shed of the E. B. Ellis granite works at Northfield was broken into and damage done to the amount of \$200. On entering tools were found and used to chip off the corners of several stones that had been completed ready for shipment. It is thought by some that the parties were intoxicated, but it is evident that they knew enough to destroy the stones that were finished, doing no damage to the unfinished stock or other destruction about the sheds. It is also evident that there was more than one implicated in the deed as some one was watching the night watchman, doing the work when he was in the other sheds.

## Prize Speaking at Norwich.

Northfield, May 13.—The preliminary prize speaking at Norwich University took place Thursday evening and those who were successful in making the team were as follows: L. E. C. Amidon of Miller's Falls, Mass., "The Prisoner's Plea"; J. H. Davis of South Royalton, "The Bell of St. John's"; J. H. Mears of Enosburg Falls, "Jerry, the Bobbin Boy"; E. S. Smallman of Waltham, Mass., "The King's Pardon"; L. E. Knight of Bellows Falls, "The Trump's Story"; F. H. C. Graves of Vergennes, "Ugly Mack"; T. R. Thomas of Bristol, "Aves of Liberty"; K. F. Baldwin of East Liberty, Ohio, "The Eulogy on Wendell Phillips"; W. P. Fraser of Waltham, Mass., "An Old Actor's Story." The prize speaking will take place at Dewey hall, Tuesday evening, June 20.

THE COURT'S OPINION  
IN STREET PAVING CASES

Findings in Barre Case That Have  
Caused So Much Comment Printed  
in Full That All May  
Read.

Following is the opinion handed down by the Supreme Court May 9, 1905, in the case of A. C. Blanchard et al. versus City of Barre. The opinion was written by Judge John H. Watson:

Present: Rowell, C. J., Tyler, Munson, Starr, Watson, Haselton and Powers, JJ.

Watson, J.  
The orators seek an injunction perpetually restraining the defendant from taking and selling the orators' land or any part thereof to satisfy certain assessments made thereon for paving a portion of Main street, and from taking any further steps to collect said assessments, and to remove the cloud consequent on the same from the orators' title. The case is here on demurrer to the bill, hence all matters well pleaded stand admitted.

By the defendant's charter, Laws of 1893, No. 1, as amended by Laws of 1902, No. 211, the administration of all fiscal, prudential and municipal affairs of the city and the government thereof is vested in the mayor and board of aldermen. The board of aldermen consists of six members, one of whom is elected president of the board. The mayor and board of aldermen, when assembled together in joint session, constitute and are the city council. At all meetings of the city council the mayor is to preside, except that in case of his absence or disability the president of the board of aldermen shall preside.

Section 13 of the charter provides for a standing committee of the board of aldermen on streets and highways to consist of three members of the board, and that the members of such standing committee shall constitute the board of street commissioners. By this section also, "Whenever a petition in writing shall be presented to the city council, signed by the owner or owners of two-thirds of the frontage upon any street, lane or alley, in said city, or of any portion of such street, lane or alley, particularly describing such street, lane or alley or portion thereof, and praying that the same be drained, graded, paved or macadamized, curbed and guttered, or that any of such improvements may be made, or when the city council, by resolution duly passed, shall decide that the public good, and the convenience and necessity of individuals demand that any street, lane or alley, or any portion thereof, should be drained, graded, paved or macadamized, curbed or guttered, or that any of said improvements shall be made, the city council shall forthwith order and direct the street commissioners to cause such street, lane or alley, or such portion thereof as shall be specified in such petition or resolution of said city council to be drained, graded, paved or macadamized, and curbed and guttered, as the case may be. And the street commissioners, on giving twelve days notice of the time and place of hearing to the parties interested, in the manner provided in section 3206 of the Vermont Statutes, shall assess not to exceed one-half the total cost and expense thereof upon all the lots and buildings

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## FIVE IN A BUNCH.

Three Men and Two Women Arrested  
in Montpelier Last Night.

Montpelier, May 13.—Five persons, three men and two women, were scooped in by the officers in one bunch at midnight last night, the arrests being made at the house, numbered 6 Fuller street. All the parties were in court this morning.

The complaint was made by Water Superintendent Smith who telephoned to the police station that there was something odd. Grand Juror Gates was routed out, and warrants were placed in the hands of Sheriff Tracey who was accompanied by several deputies and acting Chief of Police Durkee.

The men, Emery Cleveland, Felix Gibbons and Albert Cilley were arraigned for intoxication and they admitted it. Mrs. Jennie McMillan was charged with keeping a house of ill fame and Mrs. Laura Foster with being a common prostitute. They are to have their hearings this afternoon.

## A Base Ball Fair.

The stockholders of the Burlington Base Ball association have voted to hold a fair for the benefit of the base ball team. A meeting for that purpose was held at the Pythian hall and the resolution providing for the fair was offered by George D. Jarvis and was passed unanimously. A committee consisting of C. H. Spear, A. G. Mansur, T. K. Milne, M. D. McMahon and A. D. Bristol was appointed to nominate the various sub-committees, the decision of the nominating committee to be final.

The details of the fair were discussed to some extent but everything was left in the hands of the committees, which are to report at a meeting of the stockholders to be held next Wednesday. The most discussed project last night was that relative to offering an automobile. This proposition met with instant and unanimous favor and a special committee will be appointed to take up the subject. The automobile will be one of standard make and will be awarded to the holder of the lucky ticket. Other prizes in the shape of diamond rings, etc., will probably be offered.

## Happy Schooldays.

The Parson—Well, my boy, you seem in a great hurry to get to your school today.

Boy—Yes, sir; Bill Jones is going to get a bird of a kicking this morning for playing hooky, and I don't want to miss it.—From Puck.

BANQUET  
A SUCCESSEpworth League Observes Its  
Seventh Anniversary.

## A LARGE ATTENDANCE.

Officers for the Ensuing Year Elected  
and General Good Time Last  
Evening—Programme  
for Tomorrow.

The Epworth League of the Hadding M. E. church held its seventh annual banquet and election of officers at the church last evening and tomorrow will celebrate its sixteenth anniversary Sunday. The banquet last evening was one of the most enjoyable that the league has ever held. There were about 150 members present and the delightful occasion will be cherished in their memories until next year's banquet.

The annual election of officers preceded the banquet and resulted as follows: President, Mrs. E. M. Lyon; first vice president, Mrs. E. M. Jones; second vice president, Mrs. Christina Bau; fourth vice president, literary, Mrs. D. J. Morse; social, Miss Mae Heath; secretary, Miss Mabel Wilson; treasurer, W. J. Oliver; pianist, Miss Ida Batchelder.

The members were seated at the table in the vestry about 9:30 o'clock. The vestry was beautifully decorated, the prevailing colors being red and white, the league colors. At one side of the room was a very large Epworth League emblem and red and white bunting was strung about on the walls. An abundance of beautiful potted plants prettily arranged about about the room. On the tables which were placed so as to form the letters E and L were bouquets of red and white carnations. A very dainty menu was furnished, consisting of cold meats, rolls, salads, etc. The supper was provided under the direction of the literary and social departments of the league and was most successful.

Following the supper one of the most enjoyable parts of the evening began when President William Reynolds as toastmaster announced the toasts, which were responded to in an excellent manner, showing that much time and preparation had been spent by each one who desponded.

The programme of toasts was as follows: The Value of an Education, Rev. E. A. Bishop of Montpelier seminary; Luck and Labor, D. J. Morse; Wasted Energies, Miss Eleanor Sweet; music, duet, Mrs. Richard Bradley and Mr. Batchelder; "The Balance Wheel," J. O. Sowden; reading, Mrs. D. C. Watt; Put Your Theory Into Practice, Rev. E. F. Lowe; music, ladies' trio, Mrs. Richard Bradley, Mrs. E. M. Lyon, Mrs. D. J. Morse; Our New Field of Endeavor, Miss Elizabeth Hanson; music, vocal solo, W. H. Goodfellow.

The programme for tomorrow, anniversary Sunday, is as follows: 10 a. m., special praise and prayer service, leader, William Reynolds; 10:30 a. m., special music by the choir, sermon, Rev. R. F. Lowe; 6:30 p. m., annual review and reports, conducted by William Reynolds; graduation of Juniors, installation of officers conducted by Rev. R. F. Lowe; 7 p. m., special music by the choir, sixteenth anniversary programme.

## Epworth League at Montpelier.

Montpelier, May 13.—The annual meeting of Trinity chapter of the Epworth League was the occasion for one of the most enjoyable events of the year, last evening. After the business had been concluded the party set down to a banquet, which was followed by postprandial exercises, Rev. A. J. Hough of Groton was toastmaster and various responses were made.

## Wants a Race.

Editor Times: The two young men who were driving up South Main street last Wednesday evening with a bike buggy and bay horse that had the big red ribbon on its foretop, I think you would have beaten my horse only the bow was so large it blinded your horse. Now I will meet you at Linnie Bros' stable any night and will drive with you on the track on Williamstown road for fun or mables.

Dave Bruce, Graniteville.

## Rumor of Change of Troops.

Among some of the officers and the men of this command the story goes that Col. William M. Wallace is at present in Washington, D. C., trying to obtain the issuing of an order for the transfer of the 15th cavalry from this post to the posts of Fort Myer, Va., and Fort G. A. Thomas, Ga., these stations being the ones now being vacated by the 7th cavalry, who are leaving for duty in the Philippines. The plan as understood is for the second squadron, headquarters and band to take their barracks at Fort Myer and the first and third squadrons, under command of Lieut.-Col. Alex. Rodgers, go to Fort G. A. Thomas. It is also understood that Colonel Charles A. P. Hatfield, the present regimental commander of the 13th cavalry, now en route to this country from the Philippines, has requested that he be sent to this post for station. If Colonel Wallace is seeking to effect this transfer and it should be made an order, it would mean that the headquarters, band and entire 12 troops of the 13th cavalry would leave this post and that the headquarters, band and 12 troops of the 13th cavalry would come here.